TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3839 - SB 3771

March 11, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes, instead of requires, a supplement paid by the state to counties for the improvement of juvenile court services. Removes the James M. Taft Youth Center from entities to which a dentist shall be appointed to perform necessary dental work on the individuals housed at the entity.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures – Not Significant

Funding in the amount of \$855,000 is included in the Governor's proposed FY12-13 budget for the Department of Children's Services to provide supplemental payments to counties for juvenile court services.

A net decrease of \$8,500,000 is included in the Governor's proposed FY12-13 budget for closing the James M. Taft Youth Center.

Assumptions:

- According to the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, 92 counties receive \$9,000 each in supplemental payments for a total of \$828,000 (92 x \$9,000).
- In FY12-13, the Department of Children's Services will administer these supplemental payments. The Governor's proposed FY12-13 budget includes \$855,000 for the Department to continue providing these supplements.
- The Governor's proposed FY12-13 budget does not include funding for the James M. Taft Youth Center and includes a net decrease in expenditures of \$8,500,000 for this purpose. The dentist position at the Taft Youth Center is a contracted position. The current contract is for \$50,000. The reduction of this position is realized in the total net decrease in expenditures for closing the facility.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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